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SUBJ: THAI SECURITY GUARD STRIKE

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- 1. MUCH APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES' COOPERATION IN PROVIDING FORTHCOMING RESPONSE TO THAI SUPREME COMMAND REQUESTS IN CONNECTION WITH PAY AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF SECURITY GUARDS.
- 2. ON RECEIPT REFTEL DEC 12, MACTHAI SENT LETTER TO CHIEF OF STAFF SUPREME COMMAND GENERAL KRIANGSAK ADVISING HIM OF PAY AND FRINGE BENEFIT PACKAGE US PREPARED OFFER THAI SECURITY GUARDS (TSG). POMIL COUNSELOR TELEPHONED KRIANGSAK LATER SAME DAY ON OTHER BUSINESS AND KRIANGSAK EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH TSG PACKAGE OFFERED. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY HOW HE WOULD DEAL WITH STRIKE (WHICH WAS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED TO HAVE ENDED IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS HERE). KRIANGSAK WILL ISSUE ULTIMATUM TO STRIKING TSG GIVING THEM 48 HOURS TO RETURN TO WORK OR BE DISMISSED. KRIANGSAK SAID HE PROPOSED TO QUOTE GO AHEAD FULL SPEED UNQUOTE. ASKED WHETHR HE THOUGHT GUARDS WOULD RETURN TO DUTY IN FACE OF HIS ULTIMATUM, KRIANGSAK PROFESSED INDIFFERENCE, ADDING THAT THOSE WHO WERE DISMISSED WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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READILY REPLACED. HE SAID THAT SOFT MEASURES QD NOT BEEN

SUCCESSFUL IN THE PAST AND HE WOULD BE TOUGH. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE CONTENTS OF BENEFIT PACKAGE UNTIL GUARDS RETURN TO WORK, SINCE IMMEDIATE STRIKE ISSUE WAS LOTTERY SYSTEM USED TO DETERMINE WHICH GUARDS WOULD LOSE JOBS IN FORTHCOMING REDUCTION IN FORCE.

3. WE HAVE EVIDENCE SECURITY GUARDS ARE ALREADY AWARE OF CONTENTS OF PACKAGE. KRIANGSAK UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWS THIS AND THUS IS REASONABLY SURE HIS ULTIMATUM WILL WORK. HIS READINESS TO INTERVENE STRONGLY AT THIS POINT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO PACKAGE OFFERED, WHICH HE WILL PRESENT, SANTA CLAUS STYLE, WHEN TSG DO HIS BIDDING. IN MEANTIME, ADEQUATE SECURITY BEING MAINTAINED AT US INSTALLATIONS.

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